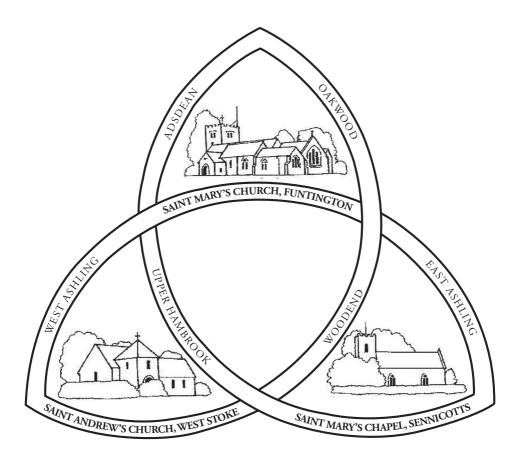
# FUNTINGTON Parish Magazine



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#### Funtington and West Stoke with Sennicotts: Who's Who

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#### Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

November is a month where things begin to change rather rapidly in the church calendar as we head towards Christmas. On 30<sup>th</sup> October the clocks will have gone back which means, all of a sudden, we see the nights become darker and longer!

November can seem a dark time and also a rather reflective time. We start the month with All Saints Day on 1<sup>st</sup> November. All Saints' Day, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4<sup>th</sup> century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates but in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, some churches in Britain began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1<sup>st</sup> November. In the 9<sup>th</sup> century this was extended to the whole Catholic church by Pope Gregory IV. We will often have a saint who is special in our lives, or someone to whom you pray to when you seek guidance or advice. You may well have prayed to St. Anthony when trying to find something considered lost, or to St. Christopher when embarking on a travel somewhere, but All Saints Day is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known or unknown, throughout Christian history.

All Souls Day is marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and is an opportunity for us to commemorate the faithful departed. We remember and pray for the souls of those who have died. Whilst praying for the dead is an ancient Christian tradition, it was Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France) who, in 998 AD, designated a specific day for remembering and praying for those who had died.

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November) are memorial days observed since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, the days are also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries.

So within the first two weeks of November we have 3 dedicated periods where we give thanks and remember. Often many of those who we remember in this period have given their lives in service, or in defiance of those who seek to create

a world where we are not considered equal; where we are not respected; or where the threat to our very existence is real. Shamefully, we have seen so much destruction and hurt in the war in Ukraine and yet we have seen many people who seek to place themselves at the front, fighting for peace. Peace, love and respect are at the heart of who we are as Christians, in the message our Saviour gives us.

As the month of November comes to an end, we will begin the period of Advent – a period of spiritual preparation in which we make ourselves ready for the coming, or birth of Jesus Christ. Advent is a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy. This year, each Monday evening of Advent (28<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December) at 6pm I shall be holding a small Advent Service of prayer and reflection at St. Andrew's West Stoke. The service will be by candlelight and we will have a different theme each evening. Please do come and join us and prepare together!

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposed of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins 1 Corinthians 4.5 **Father Andrew** 

#### Sunday School St. Mary's Funtington

Parents of young children will be very pleased to hear that the Sunday School at St. Mary's Funtington has started. Led by Amanda Tupper, it will be held every Sunday apart from the first Sunday of the month which is the Family Service.

Deadline for Magazine content for the December issue Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November Please send to editorfuntingtonmag@gmail.com Special Services Coming Up in the Parish St. Mary's Funtington Remembrance Service 10.45 am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, St. Mary's Funtington St. Andrew's West Stoke Pet Blessing, Sunday 6 November 2022 10am Remembrance Service West Stoke 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Monday evening of Advent Service of prayer and reflection every Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December) at 6pm St. Andrew's West Stoke.

#### Life Moves on

Life moves on. There are times when we have to change or adapt to new situations. For example, losing a loved one, suffering illness, changing our job or moving house. Time and patience is required.

Covid is an example of a worldwide disruption which has affected all of us. How do we learn to live with it? Well, I believe the key to it is acceptance. It's happened and we have to make the best of it. I don't believe God sends nasty things on us, but He allows them to happen. He has given us free will. We can choose to disobey Him.

What I do believe is that He can show us the way through if we turn to Him. He is faithful and just and forgives us. 'There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, He only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in'. Once we see this we can't enjoy our sinning any more, we want to love and serve Him. This hymn expresses it well:

'To God be the glory! Great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son; who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in'. (Hymns old and new 695)

So hold on to your faith, however wavering it may be. 'Cast care aside, lean on your guide, His boundless mercy will provide. Only believe and Thou shalt see, that Christ is all in all to thee'.

Thank you for the encouragement you give me. I hope to continue my writing. All good wishes Jane Gummer

#### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.30am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November St. Mary's Funtington

Is there a serving Regular or Reserve Officer in HM Armed Forces in our extended parish area who would be willing to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary's Churchyard, Funtington? Our 3 serving officers that we know have other duties elsewhere.

Please contact Tony D'Alton on 07831 775819 or tony@tonydalton.org.

Please remember that you can donate to the Poppy Appeal by QR Code or online to the Poppy Appeal as well as to the House-to-House Poppy sellers who will be around calling to offer you one of their poppies.

Some of you will know that in our midst there is a gentleman who served in the Royal Navy who is stoically living with the awful ravages of Parkinson's Disease. He found himself having to undertake the making safe of an



unexploded bomb on a ship in San Carlos Water. He succeeded, when many others have failed on other occasions, to make it safe, thereby saving many of his crewmen from oblivion.

There are many like him round the country and overseas who are living with the mental and physical effects of their experiences who will benefit from your kind and generous donations. Thank you in advance for your donation. **Tony D'Alton** 

#### SINGERS REQUIRED

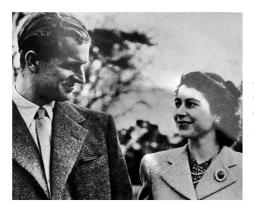
I would love to hear from anyone prepared to form a small group of singers to lead the music at services from time to time.

Initially, I'm looking for Sopranos, but would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be an Alto, Tenor or Bass. For Sopranos, the ability to read music is an advantage but not essential as instruction will be given. For other parts, it is hoped that you might have some experience in this regard and are not just capable of singing the melody an octave lower!!

Do contact me if you are interested. Paul Wren, 01243 573466 or 07973 58314 Or by email <u>paul@wren47.plus.com</u>

#### Funtington Parish in the Past Queen Elizabeth II in Funtington

When she met people Queen Elizabeth II would always try to put them at their ease when she asked where they came from. She had an excellent memory. I have been speculating about what she might have remembered about Funtington.

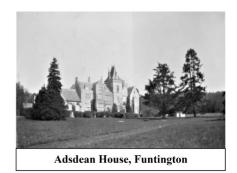


"Yes, I do remember Funtington quite well. We used to pass through the village on our way from Broadlands to Goodwood each year. We had our honeymoon at Broadlands near Romsey and often we would stay there during Goodwood Week with the Mountbattens.

We lived near the Mountbattens in London. They lived at Brook House in `Mayfair which was much bigger than our house. Patricia was a bit older than me and her sister

Pamela was a little older than Margaret and so we were good friends. From 1924-1939 they also lived at Adsdean House near Funtington when their father Lord Louis Mountbatten was in the Navy at Portsmouth. Later they lived at Broadlands. Patricia and Pamela were cousins of Philip and they were also more distant relatives of mine. Patricia, Lady Brabourne was in a wheelchair after the terrorist explosion in N. Ireland which killed her father Louis, her mother in law and one of her twin boys.





Philip used to stay at Adsdean with his uncle Louis. His guardian was his uncle, George Mountbatten, one of the most intelligent people that I ever met. I remember sitting

next to him at my uncle George, Duke of Kent's wedding and although I was only eight, he talked to me like an adult. Philip's uncle George died of bone cancer aged 45 and after that Philip used to stay regularly with his Uncle Louis at Adsdean. The Duke and Duchess of Kent had their honeymoon in 1934 at Adsdean House.

When Louis was serving in the Navy at Portsmouth he liked to spend his afternoons, playing polo and tennis at Adsdean, where there was a golf course, a polo ground as well as tennis courts. When he was there, Philip was introduced to polo and carriage driving.

My father George VI was a keen tennis player and in 1926 he played in the first round of the doubles at Wimbledon with his mentor and doctor Sir Louis Greig. He was naturally left handed but he had been made to write with his right hand. Many of my family go regularly to Wimbledon but my mother and I have never been tennis fans.



Philip with Patricia and Louis at



King George VI playing tennis at

Several of my relatives visited Funtington as well as Adsdean. Indeed my son in law, Timothy Laurence, had friends in Funtington and played tennis in East Ashling, where



Hallidays, the cottages in Watery Lane, converted into a restaurant, which acquired a national reputation



Edith's Grave in Sennicotts Churchyard with flowers placed by her family last month on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

he found a lot of keen tennis players. My mother sometimes dined in Funtington at Halliday's, a small restaurant with a national reputation.

After the Second World War, Sennicotts House was bought by my mother's cousin Geoffrey Bowes Lyon but we did not know them well. Geoffrey is buried with his wife Edith in the churchyard at Sennicotts Church and I believe that his son sold the house to the Rank family.

Sennicotts House was once let to Philip's grandfather, Admiral of the Fleet Prince Louis of Battenburg as his first marital home when he was serving in the Navy at Portsmouth. He was very sad when he had to leave. Prince Louis died a few weeks after Philip was born but his widow Victoria lived on to see him grow up and meet her great grandson, Prince Charles.

I will not forget Funtington because of my memories of Adsdean House and Sennicotts House. My uncle David who became King Edward VIII continued to visit Adsdean House with his wife after his abdication in 1936. I shall always remember how I had to be very discreet as my mother, the Queen Mother disapproved of Mrs Simpson. However Louis suggested that there should be a statue to Mrs Simpson in London as she had made it possible for me to become the Queen."

Note

Some of these stories come from the official biography of Mountbatten by Philip Ziegler but others may have become exaggerated over the years. **Geoffrey Boys** 

Pet Blessing – St. Andrew's West Stoke Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10am

Bring your beloved pets to St. Andrew's for the annual Pet Blessing service. Dogs, cats, horses, tortoise, hamsters, rabbits and any other family pet are very welcome.

#### PCC News

At the meeting in October, Martin Auton-Lloyd, the CEO of the charity 'Family Support Work' addressed the PCC. He spoke of how he has a team of 13 qualified social workers who provide long-term support for families within the Chichester Diocese who are struggling. Currently there is no social worker in the Westbourne Deanery and the PCC is to consider supporting this charity at their next meeting.

The Sunday School is working well, the children love coming and it runs every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month, which is a Family Service. If you know of any child who would like to join in, please contact Amanda Tupper (details on the inside cover of the magazine.)

The repairs to the roof are complete and the solar panels are off-setting our energy costs. We are waiting both for the installation of an Aumbrey (where consecrated bread and wine are kept,) as well as the repairs to the Ratham Chapel.

The West Stoke Cream Tea made a profit of £524. Anna and the team were sincerely thanked for this.

The Harvest Service at West Stoke was very well supported; the decorations of flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables were of their usual exceptional standard.

The Bonfire and Firework party venue has had to be changed; it will now be at the Chalk Pit at Adsdean Farm by kind agreement of Tim Hoare

#### Stop Press! Change of Venue for Bonfire Party on 5<sup>th</sup> November

We have been in communication with the pig farm management team who manage the pigs south of the Church paddock. They were extremely anxious that the Bonfire and Fireworks Party, which has been held on the Church paddock for many years, may cause distress to the pigs and this was supported by their vet. The PCC has therefore decided it cannot go ahead with the bonfire party in the paddock.

It will now be at the Chalk Pit, Adsdean (6-figure grid ref is SU797091 and What3Words location is ///herds.trimmer.forklift) starting at 6pm by very kind agreement with Tim and Claire Hoare. Parking is available but it is very important to bring a torch! We do hope that you will enjoy the evening. See page opposite for more information and ticket sales.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, FUNTINGTON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS PARTY

SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. @ CHALK PIT BARN, ADSDEAN FARM



- Gates open 18:00
- Guy competition 18:15
- Bonfire lighting 18:30
- Fireworks 19:00
- Admission £5 (under 5's free)
- Includes soft drink & Adsdean sausage in a roll



• Cash bar – beer & wine

## Limited parking ~ Bring a torch.

Tickets available mid-October at the church or Adsdean Farm shop or by contacting: <u>rev.andrew.birks@hotmail.com</u> or <u>wattnwatt@gmail.com</u> or <u>phillipakerr123@gmail.com</u> or <u>anna@anna-dalton.com</u>

#### The Season for Geese

This is the time of the year when our migrating geese arrive from the north. Our saltmarshes take on a new ambiance as the honking of the geese accompany the whistles and quacks of the also newly arrived ducks. Geese migratory journeys have been well studied and different populations will travel to and from different destinations. We commonly see four types of Geese on the local saltmarshes.



Canada Geese, who were introduced into the UK from North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, are often resident all year round but will be joined by some who migrate back down from Scotland. Our skies will also be filled with some skeins of Scandinavian Canada Geese as they pass over, stopping occasionally, for a break before their onward journey to Spain. This is our largest goose, but as is common in this species of bird, size varies considerably within

races. It is largely brown with a black neck and head. A large band of white wraps under the chin and up behind the eyes

Barnacle Geese might initially be confused with Canada Geese. It is however much smaller, its plumage is greyer, the black neck extends onto its chest and the white band covers most of its face. It also has much paler flanks. These birds summer in the arctic and have three distinct migration routes. The Greenland birds go via Iceland to Ireland and west Scotland. Birds from Spitsbergen will migrate to the Eastern coast of Scotland. The Siberian birds head for Western Europe, and it is some of these birds that might stray into our local area. This bird is thus less common than the Canada Goose.





Grey-lag Geese are a large bird which gives the appearance of being mostly grey-brown. Its neck and head are a solid brown colour and it sports a very visual large orange bill and orange legs. This bird is also resident in the UK and breeds quite successfully, but their numbers are considerably swollen when joined by migrants from Iceland. Their numbers in Britain quadruple during the winter season.



The other geese that visit locally and all are migratory birds are the Brent Geese, sometimes known as Brant Geese. These are small plump birds with short black legs and bill. Their head, neck and upper parts are dark almost black and they wear a small thin white patch on their neck looking almost like a collar. The birds that visit locally are usually the Dark-bellied race which migrates from the Siberian arctic. If you do spot a pale-bellied race bird, this will most likely have migrated from Spitsbergen.

You might see a couple of other types of geese locally on our wet areas. Sometimes mixed in with the migrating Grey-lag Geese will be Pink-



footed, Bean or White-fronted Geese. All quite exciting finds to birders in our area. All very similar to the Grey-lag Goose and difficult to spot the difference unless one is looking for them. Generally the bill and legs are the key areas to look at!

The last goose to look for is the Egyptian Goose. These are an introduced species from South Africa that have suddenly started doing very well and so have spread from their initial population in Norfolk to our locality. There have been a couple at Medmerry RSPB reserve this year, and they successfully bread and raised a couple of goslings. So if you happen to be walking out around the local saltmarshes this autumn, enjoy the noise of the geese, see if you can identify the different species and just spend a little time thinking with some awe the immense feat these birds achieve each year, flying their bulk the thousands of miles from the arctic to get here! *Kevin Tarrant* 

#### 'Of Course you can, Malcolm'

Last winter I wrote that at the first sign of a cough or cold we reach for the honey and lemon to provide reinforcement for the Beecham's, Of course, I make no claim to be the first to extol the medicinal properties of honey, Т was narrowly beaten to that by the Sumerians who, we're told, were using honey to treat skin infections 4,000 years ago.



The ancient Egyptians also prescribed the use of honey; the Elbers Papyrus of 1500BC had a prescription of honey mixed with red ochre to cure baldness, while another papyrus describes a treatment for a severe wound, translated thus: "*Now after you have stitched it...draw it together and treat it with grease and honey every day until the patient recovers.*" Other honey concoctions were used for mouth ulcers, conjunctivitis, and apparently a recipe with elephant dung to be used as a contraceptive. Soppy romantics, those Egyptians.

And none other than Hippocrates, the ancient Greek 'Father of Medicine', extoled the virtue of honey, mainly using two prescriptions, "Oxymel" (a mixture of honey and vinegar) and "Hydromel" (honey and water) to treat coughs and all manner of illnesses.

Aside from the more bizarre treatments, two medicinal uses for honey have stood the test of time, and science. Since 2019, a cup of hot hydromel lemon and honey has been advised by Public Health England to be the first point of call for a runny nose, sore throat and cough, rather than antibiotics, So don't be alarmed if your GP prescribes a trip to your local bee-keeper to stock up - although please don't ask them to check out your ulcers...

But more thought-provoking is the use of honey in treating wounds. What the Sumerians didn't know is that honey contains varying concentrations of glucose oxidase, an enzyme produced when honeybees synthesise honey from nectar and pollen (*are you keeping up at the back?*). When diluted, glucose oxidase produces hydrogen peroxide which is antimicrobial, meaning it has amazing properties as a remedy against pathogens such as *E.coli* and *MRSA*, rapidly healing infections and promoting skin regeneration. The irony is that over the last century Western societies have eschewed the natural remedies found in our gardens and hedgerows in favour of manufactured antibiotics, whereas more remote parts of the world still trust mother nature; for example, the Nepalese regard the beehive as a self-replenishing medicine cabinet.

And, while we are on the subject, it's worth mentioning the use of honey to treat hay fever. There is a thought that honey can alleviate the symptoms of hay fever because it contains minute traces of pollen and thus eating local honey can help build up an immunity to that pollen...sadly, I learn that most hay fever is caused by wind-pollinated species such as grasses, which of course honeybees don't visit. But, you know what, if it works for you then fill yer boots – and besides, it's right tasty on toast, which no one ever said of Vicks Sinex. *Jason & Kate Boswell* 

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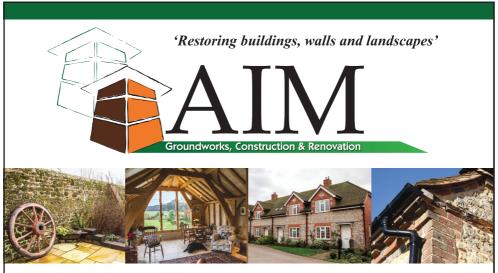


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#### **Funtington Flora November**

The hedgerows and fields are still colourful with late flowers and berries.



In St Mary's Churchyard there are abundant Cyclamen naturalised among the graves at the southern end of the churchyard.

The Stinking Iris has striking red berries. There is a clump by the entrance path of St Mary's Churchyard, and also near the

cyclamen at the southern gate. Its unfortunate name refers to its meaty or marmite smell when the leaves are crushed. It's a native wild iris.





Common Toadflax forms patches

of yellow flowers like snapdragons on the uphill road from Funtington to Woodend.

Nettle-leaved Bellflower (a *Campanula*) can be seen on

footpaths and in woods, growing up to 1 metre tall. Its purple flowers are similar to harebells and garden campanulas.





Chicory has bright blue flowers on a

tall stem. It's grown as a forage crop and cultivated for salad leaves. It often escapes, and can be seen in the footpath from Charlton up to Levin Down and a few plants on Levin Down itself. *Helen Dignum* 

#### **Good Neighbours Lunch**

A good time was had by all at the recent Lunch for our Clients. Thank you to Joelle Elwes and Fiona Rivaz who organised it and to all the wonderful support from the Volunteers who offered transport and made delicious soup, very tasty sandwiches and cake.





If you would like to Volunteer for Good Neighbours – please let me know. Jo Laird – jml@laird.uk.net

#### Thank you to all who decorated St. Mary's so beautifully for Harvest







#### **Church Flower Group at the Christmas Fair**

We are proposing to run a stall at the Christmas Fair in December to raise funds for Church flowers. Do you have any Christmas Decorations which are in good condition, but no longer wanted, with the idea of ringing the changes without spending too much. We also have a few baskets of bulbs. If you have some unwanted flower pots or bowls, why not fill them with bulbs to donate to our stall?

#### Please contact Denise 01243 574251 or Gwynne 07518386169

#### Harvest Festival of Flowers at St Andrew's Church, West Stoke





This was a great success with 97 visitors (not including those who went to the Harvest Festival Service) from around the Parish and

much further afield. Donations of over £250 were received. Barbara Cowan would like to thank all the flower arrangers and stewards.

#### November 11<sup>th</sup>

Who are the valiant whom we honour now?
Just faceless men to those who follow on?
Names of the dead, inscribed on faded page Recorded heroes from a bygone age?
No- these are the ones who live among the brave
Who offered all they had, that they might save
The way of life that they themselves held dear.
Victims of war who, sadly, paid the price
For us they made their greatest sacrifice.
Sons, brothers, husbands, leaving us bereft:
But consolation's there for us still left,
Their life's ambition never to be won
These men, so precious each and every one
Are loved and treasured, most of all, by God.



#### Business Focus. Tony Wharton (for local Sports/Remedial Massage)

I first got into massage whilst enduring a sometimes tedious, sometimes stressful Civil Service job. I felt that I would be happier in a career that gave me greater satisfaction, and my aspiration as a teenager to get into medicine came to mind. Massage would tick a lot of my boxes as an ideal career, and I could study and practice on a part-time basis whilst maintaining the financial security of the Civil Service.



I embarked on a diploma course in Remedial Massage at the Northern Institute of Massage in Blackpool, having an excellent reputation, and qualified in September 1998. I was lucky to be part of a great team in a multi-discipline practice in Southampton for around 16 years, building my own good reputation with a strong client base. Since moving here in 2016 I have been massaging some of the good folk of Funtington in either my home or theirs.

Remedial Massage (very similar to Sports Massage) is a deep tissue massage addressing issues within the muscular system that may be inhibiting movement, resulting in pain relief and reduction in swelling. I can also offer the more relaxing Swedish style of massage for de-stressing and, dare I say it, enjoyment! The benefits are many and well documented, and my clients regularly report feeling and sleeping so much better.

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#### Funtington School Sports Roundup

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, after school, Funtington primary school took part in a football tournament at Bourne community college. Our first match we played well but we lost even though Oscar scored an amazing goal against Thorney. Next, we played Southbourne we took another loss and Oliver made some super saves and Alfie made some great tackles. We went upstairs for a break and had a team talk about our next match. We were ready to give Thorney a challenge and Alfie scored from the half way line! However, we still lost. We were up against Southbourne and Henry was in goal, George and Ash were in defence. Lucas made a few passes into Oscar but still we took a loss. We were all very happy about being picked for the team even though we didn't win.

By Alfie Ty, Oliver CB and Statham

- 4-1 v Thorney
- 3-0 v Southbourne
- 2-1 v Thorney
- 2-0 v Southbourne



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, ten children from Rosehip class went to the born and participated in Paralympic sports.

These sports included new age curling, wheel chair fencing, sprinting blindfolded and goalball. In new curling, we did target practice with disks that had metal marbles on the bottom of the disks to make them move - we also did mini matches.

In wheel chair fencing, we tried fencing while seated and mini battles also while seated. In sprinting, we worked together, to cross the line while one of us was blindfolded.

In goalball there were bells in the ball and the goalies were blindfolded. They had to hear the ball and then dive in the right direction to make a save.

Thank you Mrs Lawrence - we all had great fun!

By Finn and Sam





On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we supported MacMillan Cancer by hosting a coffee morning.

Even Biscuit the school dog joined in.





We raised a fantastic £208.74.

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Nepal Resilience Expedition 3 – 2 November 2022



Andrew and Deborah Hughes are joining this expedition to assist in the mountaineering and medical capacity. A bit about the trip from the expedition leader Paul Mattin (RM retd)....

'During Autumn 2022 we are planning to conduct a very special expedition to the Himalayas. Three extraordinary Royal Marines veterans and their partners, supported by a team of trekkers and sherpas, plan to ascend Nepal's lofty trails among the foothills of Mount Everest. The adventure will be incredibly special. Two of the veterans are significantly challenged following injuries they sustained in Afghanistan and the third veteran suffered a life-changing stroke 7 years ago. The aim is to create a relaxed and intimate team environment around our guests – that will see everyone reaching the Sherpa villages of Namche Bazaar and Khumjung. Once there they will be able to experience at first hand the imposing and incredibly beautiful Everest Massif and her satellite summits. They will have accomplished this through hard work and the help of a tight and supportive team.

The purpose of the expedition is to offer the veterans an opportunity to experience a physical challenge with their partners at their sides; to achieve a significant goal, and at the same time raising funds for two amazing Charities - The Royal Marines Charity and The Centre for Disabled Children Assistance (Kathmandu)'

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#### News from the WI

At our October meeting we welcomed Madeline Salvetti, who talked to us about the fascinating subject 'Mistresses and Their Influence on History'.

In the early days Royals were forced into marriages, like alliance's with foreign Royals. Their mistresses were often from the nobility so were quite strong minded and influential. Throughout history Kings have had mistresses. Henry VIII spent years courting Anne Boleyn before marrying her, Charles II had Nell Gwyn. George IV mistress, Maria Fitzhebert, who he actually married, but they all had an impact on their masters. The list goes on. Nelson's Emma Hamilton a girl from "Rags to Riches" and very sadly after Nelson died she was left penniless.

Of course it wasn't just the Royals with their mistresses but also those in political life. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe, Hitler was controlled by Eva Braun. We have John Profumo and Christine Keeler, not forgetting John Major and Edwina Currie and the list goes on even today, surprise, surprise!! I could go on in more detail but it would take up too much space. It was an interesting insight into the role mistresses played.

Our November meeting will be on November 16th at our new time of 2pm. Our speaker will be June Eatherden on Weaving with Willow: from planting to Weaving.

#### Funtington Players present 'The Titfield Thunderbolt' by Philip Goulding Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm

The villagers in Titfield are facing the closure of their local branch railway line. There's only one possible solution; they must get together and run it themselves. But there are obstacles in their way. Will they be able to find the money? Will they overcome the misgivings of the Ministry of Transport? Will a rival bus company put a spanner in the works? Come along to West Ashling Village Hall to find out! From Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30. Matinee on 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.30. Tickets at £12 for adults and under 18's £8 for on sale from go www.ticketsource.co.uk/funtingtonplayers or by phoning the box office on 01243 371637

You may be interested in having a look at the trailer and longer video film on <u>Theatre Drama Amateur Dramatics | Funtington Players | TICKETS | Chichester |</u> <u>England | TICKETS</u>

The filming took place at the Chichester District Society of Model Engineers' site in Blackberry Lane off Bognor Road in Chichester where they have monthly open days throughout the summer and give rides on their small steam trains and other vehicles

#### 'Flying Light Helicopters with the Royal Marines'

*Collective Tales from Marine Air 489* by Robert Wilsey. ISBN: 1399002503 Pen and Sword Books

From a very young age, Robert Wilsey wanted to fly. In a vivid and exciting account, he takes us through basic training as a Royal Marines' pilot with the Army Air Corps, followed by conversion to the then brand new Gazelle with the Fleet Air Arm, deck landing training on board the Commando Carrier HMS BULWARK, and ultimately to flying Lynx helicopters on operations in Iraq. Throughout, he describes the demands of rotary-wing aviation in such a downto-earth and practical way that you can imagine yourself in the cockpit beside him. In a long and distinguished aviation career, the author describes flying from RN ships at sea and operations in such hostile environments as Northern Ireland during 'the Troubles', the jungles of Brunei, mountain flying in the Pyrenees, Arctic Norway and finally Operation Haven, protecting the Kurds in Northern Iraq. In between, Colonel Wilsey covers flying training in detail, from both a student's and flying instructor's point of view. In particular, he highlights the challenges faced by pilots of military helicopters: while everyone makes mistakes now and again, in aviation such lapses can be unforgiving - or even fatal. As the author reminds us, despite modern technology there is still something elemental about defying gravity and the end result of a miscalculation has not changed since the days of Icarus. The book describes flying military helicopters in enough detail to satisfy aircrew and aviation enthusiasts alike, but it also has a wealth of stories of everyday life as a Royal Marine Infantry Officer around the world, with many accounts of flying accidents, incidents and near-misses. It's engagingly written, with self-deprecating humour, and should appeal to everyone. An entertaining and interesting read, well recommended. **Bob Money** 

#### Solution to Crossword 17 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

#### ACROSS

1 Pelican 5 Dwarf 8 Ripen 9 Glencoe 10 Deep-fat fryer 12 Satire 14 Prayer 17 Little London 21 Arundel 22 Exalt 23 Piety 24 Doyenne.

#### DOWN

1 Paradise 2 Lapse 3 Conifer 4 Nights 5 Drear 6 Alchemy 7 Fuel 11 Brunette 13 Tribune 15 Rookery 16 Sealed 18 Teddy 19 Drawn 20 Harp.

#### VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT November 11<sup>th</sup> 2022, West Ashling Village Hall

Put your thinking caps on and join us for an evening of fun to raise money for the Village Hall. Get together a team of six and see if you can outwit your neighbours in some friendly competition!

One team per table. The price is £10 per person and includes a fish and chip supper (vegetarian option available). There will also be a bar for wine and soft drinks.

Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30.

There are only 12 tables available so book early to get your place. Contact <u>chrisworsley1@gmail.com</u>.

# CHICHESTER MUSIC SOCIETY - Tuesday 8th November 7.30pm in the Chapel at Chichester University

Chichester University Chamber Orchestra has a worldwide reputation. In this special concert, the Orchestra will include music for the baroque trumpet, performing on trumpets presented to the orchestra by Chichester Music Society last year. The programme features Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Miranda Dale (BBC Young Musician) and Handel's Water Music. A fascinating evening so do join us.

Chichester Music Society holds concerts monthly at the Chapel, University of Chichester, 7.30am. Tickets £15 for visitors available from Ticket Source <u>ticketsouce.co.uk/chichester-music-society</u> or directly from Elizabeth Stanley at <u>elizabeth.stanley617@btinternet.com</u> or 07973 410407

#### Deadline for Magazine content for the December issue is 17<sup>th</sup> November Please send to editorfuntingtonmag@gmail.com

#### **BONFIRE SOUP.**



Ingredients.

2 tablespoons of vegetable or light olive oil, 1/4 of Celeriac cubed, bite size, 2 sticks of celery, sliced fairly thinly, I large white onion or 2 shallots, finely chopped, 20 g of dried wild mushrooms, put to soak in boiling water, I large garlic clove, chopped finely, I litre of stock incorporating the mushroom water, Bay leaf, Salt and pepper to taste, Garnish with chopped coriander or parsley.

After soaking the mushrooms for half an hour cook until soft and keep the liquid to add to the stock to make up a litre.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the onion/shallots and after 5 minutes add the celeriac and celery and with the lid on saute for another 5 minutes before adding the garlic followed by the drained mushrooms, bay leaf and seasoning. Then after 4 minutes add the stock and bring to the boil and immediately reduce the heat and simmer until the veg is soft. It is nicer not to blend this soup but to leave the veg whole hence arduous chopping earlier. Garnish with chopped herbs before serving with crusty bread.

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Joanna MacDonald.

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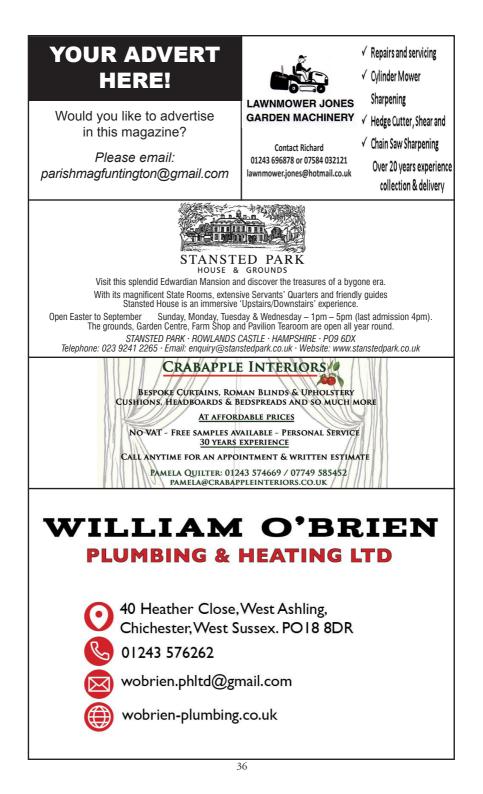
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#### Let's Dance (for the not so young!)

Monday afternoons (term time) 2.30pm 'til 3.30pm St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH Contact: Kathryn Wignall at <u>Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk</u>

#### Wednesday Coffee Morning, St. Mary's Church Room

Everyone welcome to come and join us for coffee and biscuits at 11am in The Church Room. A good time for meeting others, sharing and laughter.

#### Funtington and West Stoke W1

The next meeting is on at new time of 2pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Our Speaker will be Jill Eatherden on Willow and Weaving – from planting to weaving. Everyone welcome. Please phone Sue Nicholson for details. 01243 574722

#### BOSHAM CHIDHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Annual General Meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Bosham Village Hall

Many thanks to all those who kindly donated plants for our stall at the Macmillan Coffee Morning which helped us make over £160.00 towards the total amount raised on the day!

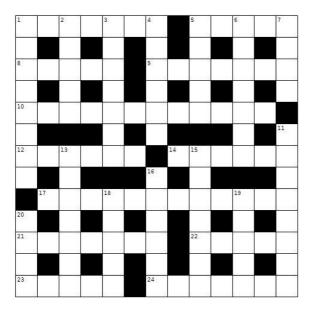
#### **Funtington Bridge Club**

The club now meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

#### Sew4Fun

Come and join our expanding group of enthusiasts who meet to sew, natter & have a coffee! The next meeting held at West Stoke Village Hall is on 10<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 2pm. £5 per session (your first session is free) Bring your own lunch!

#### Crossword no. 17



#### ACROSS

- 1 Sea-bird with large bill for fish (7)
- 5 Bashful or Grumpy, e.g. (5)
- 8 Come to fruition (5)
- 9 Site of Scottish massacre of 1692 (7)
- 10 With which to make your own chips (4-3,5)
- 12 Mocking humour (6)
- 14 Public worship (6)
- 17 Reduced capital in central Chichester? (6,6)
- 21 Its castle is the seat of the Duke of Norfolk (7)
- 22 Put on a pedestal (5)
- 23 Devoutness (5)
- 24 The most respected woman in a particular field (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 It may be lost and regained (8)
- 2 A failure of virtue or memory (5)
- 3 A pine, yew, or related tree (7)
- 4 Periods of darkness (6)
- 5 Gloomy (poetic) (5)
- 6 The science of transmutation (7)
- 7 We may all be out gathering it this winter (4)
- 11 Not a blonde (8)
- 13 Roman magistrate; title of some newspapers (7)
- 15 Colony of birds; --- Nook, an Aldwych farce by Ben Travers (7)
- 16 As your lips or fate might be (6)
- 18 Roosevelt's bear (5)
- 19 Attracted; illustrated (5)
- 20 Instrument played by Marisa Robles (4)

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Readings	Mini Elliott Job19.23-27 Denise Foster Lk 20. 27-38	Nick La Hive Mal4. 1-2 Tony D'Alton Luke 21 5-19	Anne Maddock Jer23. 1-6 Claire Hoskin Col1. 11-20	Jimmy Faure Ias2. 1-5 Claire Hoare Rom 13. 11-14	Mini Elliott las11. 1-10 Neil Macauley Mat 3. 1-12	Carolyn Watt Isa 31. 1-10 Neil Watt Jas 5. 7-10	If unable to carry out a duty please arrange your own relief & amend notice at back of Church
Sidesmen	David Callas	Nick La Hive Nigel Brown Pippa Kerr Paul Wren	Denise Foster Anne Maddock	Jimmy Faure Claire Hoare	Nick La Hive Denise Foster	Neil Watt Pippa Kerr	nge your own reli Church
Intercessor	Jo Borbone	Clergy	Nigel Brown	Anne Maddock	/Liz Lancaster	Jo Borbone	ty please arrange yo back of Church
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Brass		Miriam	Callas	Pat Hill			
Flowers	Rachel Hammond	Flowers for Remembranc e service					
Service	10:00 Family Service	<b>10:45</b> Remembrance service	10:00 Eucharist	10:00 Eucharist	10.00 am Family service	10 am Eucharist	
Day	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent RIG	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2nd before Advent Bed or green	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov Trinity 18 Red or white Canon Hoy	Sunday 27 <sup>TH</sup> Nov Advent 1 <sup>Purple</sup>	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 <sup>Purple</sup>	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 <sub>Purple</sub>	

# St. Mary, Funtington – September 2022 Church Rota

#### Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

Day	Time	Event	Place		
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>					
November	10.30 am	All Souls Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington		
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Bonfire night -Ticket £5 see	Adsdean Farm		
Sat S NOV	6 pm	notice boards			
Sunday 6th Nov 3rd before Advent	10 am	Pet service	West Stoke, St Andrew		
Sid before Advent	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington		
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Service of Healing and laying on	St Marys, Funtington		
November	11.00am	of Hands Coffee (all welcome)	Church room		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>					
November	10.45am	Remembrance Service	West Stoke		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts		
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Before Advent	10 .45 am	Remembrance Service	St Marys, Funtington		
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service of Healing and laying on	St Mary, Funtington Church room		
November	11.00am	of Hands Coffee (all welcome)	Church room		
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	St Marys Funtington		
November	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke		
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Service of Healing and laying on	St Mary Funtington		
November	11.00am	of Hands Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington		
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am		Consistat		
Advent 1	9.00am 10.00am	Eucharist BCP Eucharist	Sennicotts St Mary, Funtington		
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	Service of Healing and laying on	St Mary, Funtington		
Andrew the	11	of Hands followed by	Church Doors Funtington		
Apostle	11.am	Coffee (all Welcome) Eucharist	Church Room, Funtington St Andrew, West Stoke		
	7.0 pm 10 am-2	Christmas Fair with Music and			
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10 am-2 pm	food	St Mary, Funtington		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington		
December Advent 2	10.0am	Eucharist CW2	West Stoke, St Andrew		